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# Benefit Options Newsletter

## Open Enrollment 2009

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## Retirees - October 2008

### ATTENTION STATE RETIREES

Important changes were made to the various health benefits offered by the State of Arizona. Some examples include the number of dental and medical providers, as well as domestic partner coverages. As a state retiree you are expected to read your forthcoming enrollment guide and attend one of the following benefit fairs in order to be aware of the changes to come.

### BENEFIT FAIR SCHEDULE

- October 7th: 10am - 2pm - ADOA Lobby - 100 N. 15th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85007
- October 9th: 10am - 2pm - Marriott Park Hotel, 880 E. 2nd St, Tucson, AZ
- October 14th: 10am - 2pm - ADOA Lobby - 100 N. 15th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85007
- October 16th: 10am - 2pm - Radisson Woodlands Hotel, 1175 W. Route 66, Flagstaff

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Dear Benefit Options Member:

Open enrollment for retirees on the ADOA plan is coming soon (October 1-31). In about two weeks or less you will be receiving your Open Enrollment Guide. We have many changes in the benefits program that may impact you based on the selections you make and we urge you to read the material carefully. Here are the main changes that you will want to understand:

- Rates are now uniform across the state. There are no longer regional differences.
- We have added coverage for Domestic Partners and Older Children. Details will be in your Guide.
- Schaller Anderson is no longer a provider of care—effective October 1, 2008.
- Dental coverage has changed. We have added the retiree plus one tier to the coverage. Delta is still available, but there will be only one managed care dental provider: Total Dental Administrators Health Plan, Inc.
- Hearing aid coverage has changed slightly.

Overall, most retirees will find the benefit changes favorable. We just want to make sure you look closely at the changes and make informed decisions about your coverage. Remember, you also have the ability to choose other coverage. If you leave both ADOA medical and dental coverage, you will not be allowed to return to the plan. Please take time and study your options carefully before making your selections.

Please visit our website at [www.benefitoptions.az.gov](http://www.benefitoptions.az.gov) or call us at 602-542-5008 or 1-800-304-3687. I wish you good health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Bell".  
William Bell  
Director